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Dear Ms. Falsetti:

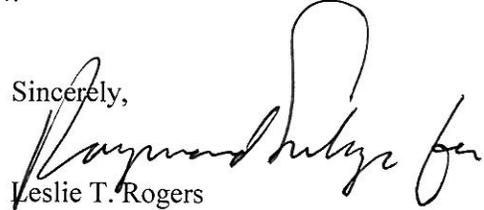
We have completed our review of the Kern Council of Governments (KCOG) **Amendment No. 16** to the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) submitted with your letter dated October 5, 2012. This amendment adds operating funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5317 program and local funds for Taft and Kern County to the FY 2010/2011-2013/2014 FTIP. The KCOG Executive Director, and the KCOG Board, approved and adopted Amendment No. 16 on September 25, 2012.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications of the 2010/11 – 2013/14 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the KCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning published in the February 14, 2007 Federal Register.

We find that the KCOG's FTIP, through Amendment 16, was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and 49 USC Chapter 53 as amended by Section 5001 of Public Law 109-59, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed (40 CFR Sections 93.126 and/or 93.127). FTA funding approval on the individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to FTA grant requirements

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval for this KCOG FSTIP amendment, please contact Paul Page, FTA, at 415-744-2734.

Sincerely,


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